

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) ~~An ocular implant~~ A punctal plug comprising:

an implant body extending from a proximal end portion, configured to seat at or near a lacrimal punctum when implanted, to a distal end portion, configured for insertion through the lacrimal punctum into a lacrimal canaliculus when implanted, the entire implant body comprising a porous or absorbent material; and

an active agent disposed entirely throughout the porous or absorbent material so that the entire implant body is saturated with the active agent, the active agent deliverable on a sustained release basis to tissue at or near one or both of an eye or a nasolacrimal system via an exterior surface portion of the implant body.

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) ~~The ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 11, wherein the distal end portion of the implant body includes a stem, the stem configured to insert into the lacrimal canaliculus and including the exterior surface portion of the implant body releasing the active agent.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 11, wherein the proximal end portion of the implant body includes an outer stopper structure configured to seat against the lacrimal punctum, the outer stopper structure including the exterior surface portion of the implant body releasing the active agent and having a size greater than an aperture size of the lacrimal punctum.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 11, wherein the active agent includes a medicine.

16. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 15, wherein the active agent includes a medicine selected from the group comprising: topical prostaglandin; latanoprost; travaprost; bimatoprost; a medication for a treatment for corneal infections; ciprofloxacin; moxifloxacin; gatifloxacin; a systemic medication; a medication for treating hypertension; atenolol; nifedipine; hydrochlorothiazide; cyclosporine; and olopatadine.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 11, wherein the active agent includes a medication for treatment of an eye.

18. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 11, wherein the implant body includes a lumen extending from the proximal end portion to the distal end portion, the lumen configured for a passage of tear fluid therethrough.

19. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 18, wherein the sustained release of the active agent to tissue at or near the nasolacrimal system is via an interior lumen surface portion of the implant body.

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 11, wherein the exterior surface portion of the implant body releasing the active agent is disposed at or near the proximal end portion of the implant body, the active agent configured to treat the eye.

22. (Cancelled).

23. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 21, wherein the exterior surface portion of the implant body releasing the active agent is in the form of one or more agent-discharging bands.
24. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 11, wherein the exterior surface portion of the implant body releasing the active agent is disposed at or near the distal end portion, the active agent configured to be delivered to, at least in part, the nasolacrimal system.
25. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 24, wherein the exterior surface portion of the implant body releasing the active agent is in the form of one or more agent-discharging bands.
26. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 11, wherein the exterior surface portion of the implant body releasing the active agent is disposed on all exterior surfaces of the implant body.
27. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 11, wherein the distal end portion of the implant body includes an inner stopper structure, the inner stopper structure configured to at least partially secure an implant location of the implant body.
28. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 13, wherein the exterior surface portion of the implant body releasing the active agent is configured to provide the sustained release to tissue of the canaliculus wall.
29. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 14, wherein the outer stopper structure is configured to completely seal the lacrimal punctum against a flow of tear fluid therethrough.

30. (Currently Amended) ~~An ocular implant~~ A punctal plug comprising:  
an implant body sized and shaped for at least partial insertion into a lacrimal canaliculus,  
the entire implant body comprising a porous or absorbent material; and  
the porous or absorbent material being saturated with an active agent from a proximal end  
portion of the implant body, configured to seat at or near a lacrimal punctum when implanted, to  
a distal end portion of the implant body, configured for insertion through the lacrimal punctum  
into the lacrimal canaliculus when implanted, the active agent deliverable to tissue at or near one  
or both of an eye or a nasolacrimal system.
31. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 30, wherein an exterior  
surface of the implant body at the proximal end portion releases the active agent to treat the eye.
32. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 30,  
wherein an exterior surface of the implant body at the distal end portion releases the active agent  
for delivery to the nasolacrimal system.
33. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 30, wherein the distal  
end portion of the implant body includes an inner stopper structure configured to at least partially  
secure an implant location of the implant body.
34. (Canceled).
35. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 30,  
wherein all exterior surfaces of the implant body release the active agent.
36. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 30,  
wherein the active agent includes a medicine selected from the group comprising: topical  
prostaglandin; latanoprost; travaprost; bimatoprost; a medication for a treatment for corneal  
infections; ciprofloxacin; moxifloxacin; gatifloxacin; a systemic medication; a medication for  
treating hypertension; atenolol; nifedipine; hydrochlorothiazide; cyclosporine; and olopatadine.

37. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 11, wherein the implant body is inert.
38. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 11, wherein the active agent includes a medication for the treatment of glaucoma.
39. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 38, wherein the medication for the treatment of glaucoma includes travoprost or bimatoprost.
40. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 38, wherein the medication for the treatment of glaucoma includes latanoprost.
41. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 30, wherein the active agent is administered on a sustained release basis for a time period of between 3-6 months after implant.
42. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 30, wherein the active agent includes a medication for the treatment of glaucoma.
43. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 42, wherein the medication for the treatment of glaucoma includes travoprost or bimatoprost.
44. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 42, wherein the medication for the treatment of glaucoma includes latanoprost.
45. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 11, wherein the active agent comprises olopatadine.

46. (Currently Amended) The ~~ocular implant~~ punctal plug of claim 30, wherein the active agent comprises olopatadine.